

# Amended Agenda Item #10.



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## **2013 BOARD GOALS**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

1. Legislative Mandate (AB 269, Chapter 107, Statutes of 2002) – Continue to ensure that enforcement takes precedence over all other licensing and regulatory functions.
2. Nursing Education Consultants (NECs) Recruitment & Retention – Continue to work with the DCA Office of Human Resources to fill the vacant NEC positions and to utilize other classifications to perform analytical and clerical aspects of the NEC job functions.
3. Performance Evaluations – Evaluate the Board's performance of its regulatory functions using targeted stakeholder surveys and feedback from health care, professional, and consumer organizations.
4. Organizational Efficiency – Enhance Board organizational efficiency, as the budget permits, through staff development, cross training and reorganization.
5. Greening of the Board – Utilize new technology and equipment, as the budget permits, to reduce the amount of paper the Board uses.

### **EDUCATION**

1. Director Forums – Continue presentation of Director Forums to inform directors, faculty, administrators of vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs and interested parties of current statutes, regulations and other critical topics impacting professional practice and the education of licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and psychiatric technicians (PTs).
2. School Approval – Continue partnership with program directors to develop and maintain quality VN and PT programs.
3. Program Performance Statistics – Advise directors on the development and execution of strategies to improve student understanding in VN and PT programs as demonstrated by improved student achievement and improved program performance statistics on licensure examinations.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

1. Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI) – Continue to implement the CPEI to streamline complaint intake, reorganize investigation resources, and reduce the average processing time frames for enforcement actions.

2. Enforcement Performance Measurement System – Continue to meet or exceed established targets in the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Enforcement Performance Measurement System for timely processing of enforcement cases.
3. Expert Witness Program – Expand the Board's Expert Witness Program by recruiting and training experts to review enforcement cases, provide quality expert opinions, and testimony at administrative hearings regarding gross negligence or incompetence.
4. Mandatory Reporting Requirements – Implement the enhanced Mandatory Reporting requirements established by SB 359 through regulation (see below).

## **LICENSING**

1. PT Licensure Examination – Continue the collaboration with the DCA Office of Professional Examination Services to develop a legally defensible and psychometrically sound licensure examination and implement a program to report first-timer passing scores.
2. VN Licensure Examination – Continue collaboration with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., to develop, implement, and evaluate the NCLEX/PN®.
3. Timely Issuance of Licenses – Continue timely issuance of licenses to successful VN and PT candidates to assure rapid entry into the workforce as soon as possible.

## **REGULATION**

1. Mandatory Reporting Requirements (SB 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011) – Complete the rulemaking process to adopt regulations to implement the enhanced mandatory reporting requirements for employers of LVNs and PTs to report resignation for cause, as defined, and for employment agencies or nursing registries to report to the Board the rejection from assignment of an LVN or PT.
2. Permissive Site Visits (SB 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011) – Complete the rulemaking process to adopt regulations to implement permissive site visits authorizing the Board to conduct an inspection or review of an approved program prior to graduation of the initial class.
3. Waiver of Renewal Requirements for Licensees on Active Duty (AB 1588, Chapter 742, Statutes of 2012) – Adopt and implement regulations to waive the renewal requirements for a licensee, including renewal fees, continuing education, and other requirements determined by the Board, if the licensee is serving on active duty in the Armed Forces or California National Guard.

## **AUTOMATION**

1. DCA BreEZe Project – Continue collaboration with the DCA, Office of Information Services (OIS), to develop and implement BreEZe, a new system that will allow applications for licensure and renewal of licenses to be submitted via the internet and will also provide the ability for online tracking of applications, renewals, complaints, disciplinary actions, address changes and other licensee information.